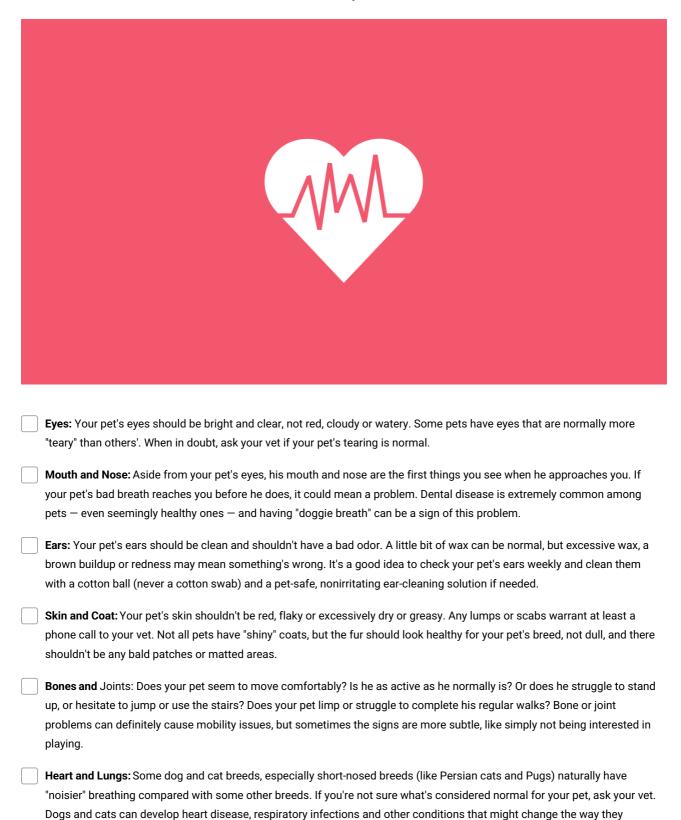
Advertisement Our Checklist for Your Pet's Full-Body Health

You probably see your pet every day. And he may look perfectly fine to you, but how can you tell if he isn't? The short answer is sometimes you can't. That's why it's so important to schedule regular wellness visits with your veterinarian.



Digestive System: For most pets who regularly receive a quality, balanced diet, their appetite, toilet habits and stool quality tend to be relatively consistent. Diarrhea or vomiting can clearly indicate a problem, but other signs of digestive issues

breathe.

might be less obvious. Watch for changes in appetite, an abdomen that seems swollen or larger than normal, burping more
than usual, passing gas, passing stool that's a different color or consistency than normal, or having trouble passing stool.
Urinary System: Let your vet know about any changes in your pet's urination. Having accidents in the house (if the pet is house-trained), urinating larger amounts or with greater frequency, passing urine that smells or looks different, or having trouble urinating all mean your pet needs to see his vet. And if your pet is trying to urinate but nothing is happening, seek
immediate medical attention — this could indicate a life-threatening blockage!
Overall Body Condition: Don't be lulled into thinking that a chubby pet is healthy. According to the Association for Pet
Obesity Prevention, more than half of our pet dogs and cats are overweight or obese. Carrying extra weight can lead to
other problems, such as joint and respiratory issues. And don't forget about the other extreme. If your pet seems thinner
than normal or is losing weight, that can also indicate a medical problem. Make and Share Free Checklists
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